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The following applies to the non-English language document:

1. **Bulka E., et al., Zeitschrift Für Chemie, 5(10):374-375 (1965).** In lieu of a statement of relevance, Applicants are enclosing a copy of the International Search Report for PCT/EP2004/012604, where this document is cited.

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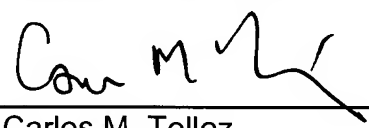
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